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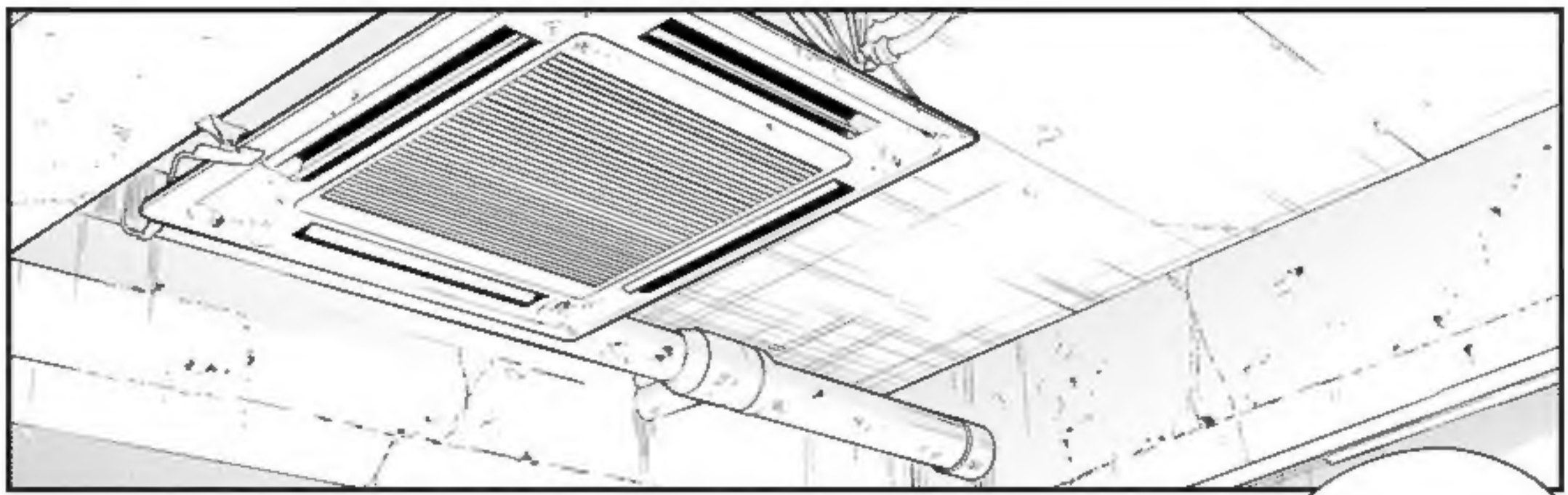
YUKI'S FINALLY FOUND A GENTLE PLACE WHERE HE BELONGS.
BUT HE'S GOTTEN TANGLED UP IN THE COMPLICATED WEB
OF THE SCHEMES OF ADULTS...



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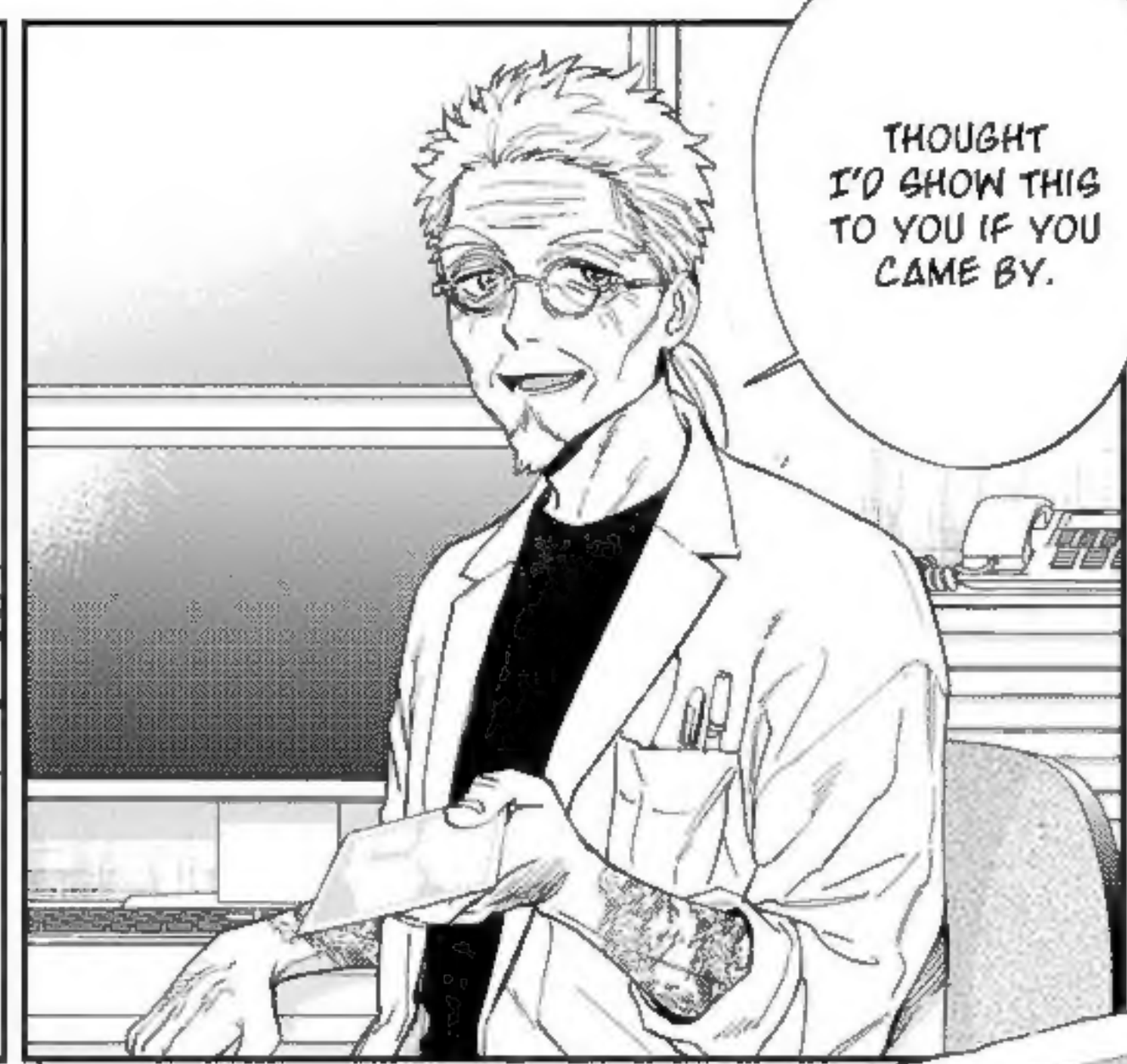
THOUGHT I'D SHOW THIS TO YOU IF YOU CAME BY.

YOUR LIFE...
... BEGAN HERE.

YOU CAN HAVE THAT.

HUH?

...

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE...

... WHAT YOU SURVIVED TO GET HERE.

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!

I LOST ALL MY PHOTOS...

...

IS THAT OKAY...?

OF COURSE.

What happened to your face, Tetsu-kun?

Huh? Ah... I kinda fell down...

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

...

HOW LONG HAS JUN BEEN LIKE THAT?

IT GOT WORSE WHEN HE WAS AROUND 3 YEARS OLD.

IF I'D TRIED HARDER...

I COULDN'T GET HIM ANYTHING DECENT TO EAT,

AND I COULD ONLY GET CHEAP MEDICINE, SO HE JUST GOT WORSE AND WORSE...

HIS ILLNESS ISN'T ANYONE'S FAULT.

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IT'S MY FAULT.

THAT'S BECAUSE I CHOSE NOT TO DEPEND ON ADULTS...

BUT,

IF ANYTHING'S AT FAULT,

IT'S NOT HAVING HAD A RELIABLE ADULT AROUND.

TRUE,

YOU COULD HAVE CHOSEN TO ENTRUST HIM TO AN ORPHANAGE OR CHURCH,

!

BUT YOU COULDN'T TRUST ADULTS.

JUST AS EASY AS IT IS FOR YOU TO DO RIGHT HERE AND NOW

"IT WAS LIKE LOOKING AT THE OLD ME,"

HE SAID.

HYOUDOU TOLD ME,

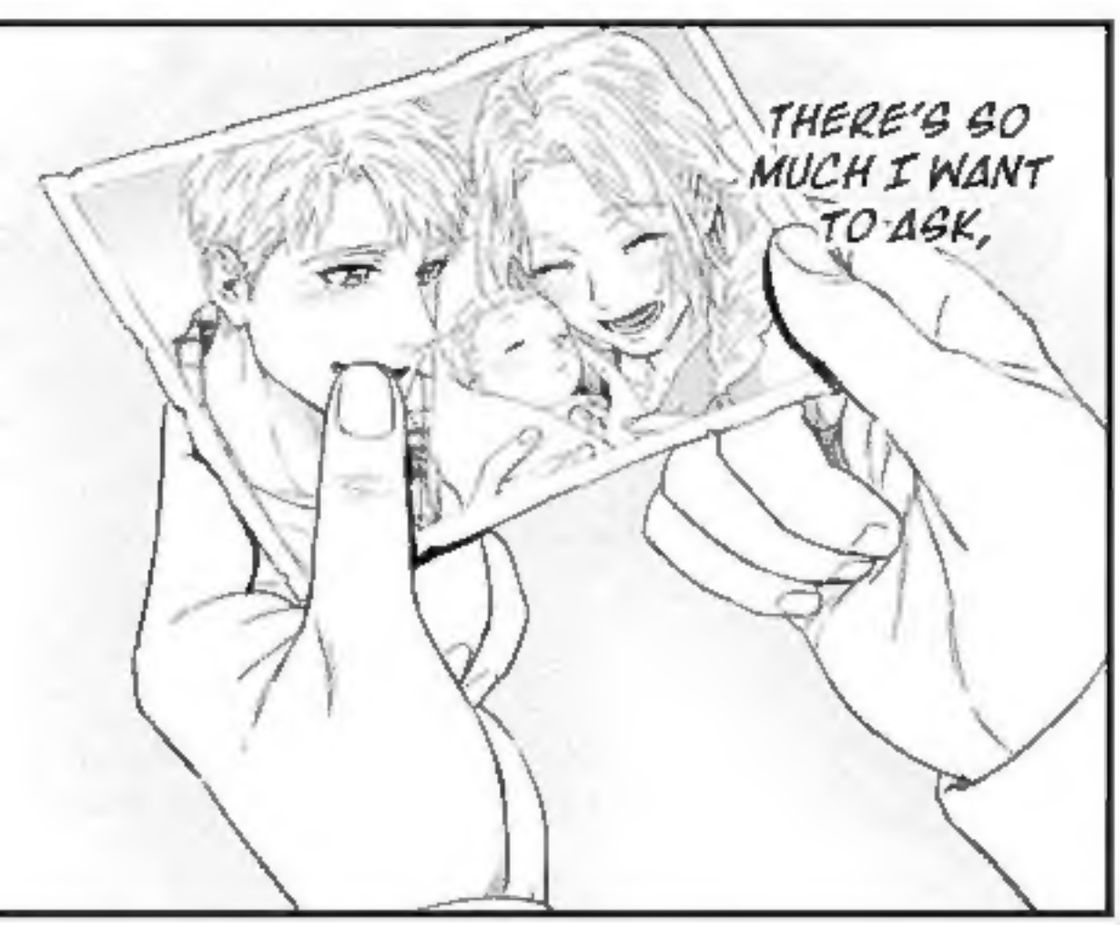
"I KNEW IT WAS YUKIO FROM THE MOMENT I SAW HIM,"

"BUT HE WAS JUST LIKE SOME KIND OF WOUNDED ALLEY CAT..."

BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW, RIGHT?
...
DO I LOOK LIKE A CAT OR A DOG,
DUDE?
CATS AND DOGS DON'T HAVE FILTHY MOUTHS LIKE YOU.
NOW YOU'VE GOT ...
POINT
... A DEPENDABLE ADULT RIGHT HERE.
LUCKILY, HIS CONDITION'S STABLE FOR NOW.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT JUN.
I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN,
BUT HE'LL HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN.
YEP!
GRIN
THAT'S RIGHT...

I HAVE SO MANY...

... DEPENDABLE PEOPLE AROUND ME.



HISAKO,

YOU MUST'VE...

THAT WASN'T THE ONLY REASON.

YOU...

... PROBABLY REALIZED A LONG TIME AGO, BUT,

IT SEEMED LIKE..

HEH.

YOU MUST'VE HATED HIM, TOO.

BUT, FOR A WHILE NOW, WHEN I WAS LISTENING TO YOUR STORY,

... LOVED FATHER, RIGHT?

!

HEH HEH.

YOU'RE REALLY A HYPOCRITE THROUGH AND THROUGH.

GEEZ...

YOU'RE SO MUCH LIKE AUNTIE-

THAT BAD NATURE.

HEE HEE

WORSE, YOU'RE SO THICK-HEADED,

INSENSITIVE, AND SPINE-LESS,

THAT YOU NEVER EVEN NOTICED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ME AND UNCLE UNTIL NOW.

HEE

REALLY,

AREN'T YOU JUST ANNOYED THAT UNCLE GOT TO ME FIRST?

IS THAT FINE WITH YOU, MASA-TSUGU?

I SAID IT, DIDN'T I? THAT I'D MAKE YOU UNDER-STAND.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE AFTER ALL,

BECAUSE I...

AHAHA HAHA AHAHA

I CAN STILL TELL UNCLE THAT "IT'S MASATSUGU'S BABY INSIDE OF ME!"

AHAHA HAHA AHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA

HEH HEH,

AHAHA,

WAKA.

JOLT

...
AH, WHAT'S UP?

TMP

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
AH,

YOUR WIFE AND SON ARE READY TO DEPART.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT FACE,

grin

I TOLD YOU YOU'VE GOTTA GO SOMEWHERE SAFE UNTIL EVERYTHING'S SETTLED, RIGHT?

I'M LEAVING KAZUYA TO YOU.

OKAY...

SORRY, FUMI.

OKAY?

PLUS, I'VE GOT HYOUDOU WITH ME, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

I TOLD YOU, I'M FINE.

I'M JUST... WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

I WONDER ...

... IF I'VE PLAYED THE PART OF A GOOD HUSBAND AND FATHER WELL.

VRRRMM

...

I PURPOSELY CHOSE A WOMAN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

MODEST AND TIMID,

SAY,

HISAKO,

AND I DEALT THE FINAL BLOW.

YOU'RE BROKEN,

IT'S NOT WORTH IT TO TALK ABOUT THAT POSSIBILITY NOW.

I MIGHT'VE LOST THAT CHANCE TEN YEARS AGO.

REIJI STILL...

... NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH FATHER.

TEN YEARS.

MY LIES,

AND MY SINS,

SNAP

...

SHOULDN'T I, TOO,

IF FATHER REAPS WHAT HE SOWS,

DESERVE THE SAME?
不法侵入

NAKAMOTO'S FROM THAT OLD, WIPED OUT SANADA GROUP...?!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

YES.

THE SANADA BOSS' SON...

...

"I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT."

NO. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO REVIVE THE GROUP NOW,

AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO THINK THE SANADA GROUP'S DESTRUCTION IS HIS MAIN MOTIVE

I get it-now!

THAT MEANS HE'S GOT A SERIOUS GRUDGE!

THEN HE MUST BE LOOKING TO DESTROY THE SEIDOUKAI AND GET THE HEILONG TO HELP HIM REBUILD THE SANADA GROUP, RIGHT?!

REIJI SANADA WAS AROUND TEN YEARS OLD WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT UNDER THE BOSS' WING.

AT THAT TIME, ONLY THE PEOPLE WITH THE DOUMOTO FAMILY,

AND A SMALL PART OF THE TOP BRASS WHO WERE CLOSE TO THE BOSS KNEW ABOUT IT, IT SEEMS.

SINCE, AFTER THE DE-STRUCTION OF THE SANADA GROUP,

OUR BOSS SECRETLY TOOK IN HIM AND HIS SISTER.

HUH?!

?!

THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE SEIDOUKAI AND THE HEILONG.

?!

...

... PROBABLY ARE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD.

WELL, ALL THOSE HIGHER-UPS WHO WERE CLOSE TO THE BOSS...

HIS GOAL IS PROB-ABLY...

FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD,

WHAT'S REIJI SANADA'S GOAL?

THEN WHAT THE HECK'S HIS MOTIVE?

NATURALLY, HE'S THINKING THAT ONCE THEIR BUSINESS IS DONE HE'LL END THINGS WITH REIJI.

WANG MOST LIKELY INTENDS TO USE SANADA.

NAKAMOTO... NO, SANADA MUST BE USING WANG.

IF THAT'S TRUE THEN... TOTAL ANNIHILA-TION...

HIS HALF-BROTHER WAS KILLED WHEN HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN A WAR BETWEEN THE HEILONG AND THE SEIDOUKAI.

THE HEILONG AS WELL.

THE SEIDOUKAI MUST BE A TARGET OF REIJI'S REVENGE.

WHA ...

THERE'S SOMEONE AMONG THE UPPER ECHELON OF THE SEIDOUKAI WHO'S CONSPIRING WITH REIJI SANADA.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

BUT,

WHAT REALLY WORRIES ME...

RIGHT,

THE POSSIBILITY OF THAT PERSON BEING THE CONSPIRATOR IS HIGH.

IF SOMEONE FAKED HIS DEATH...

A DROWNED BODY WAS DISCOVERED AND RULED A SUICIDE.

ACCORDING TO HIS RECORDS, REIJI SANADA DIED TEN YEARS AGO.

OTHER THAN THE BOSS HIMSELF.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON I CAN THINK OF,

WHO HOLDS SWAY WITH THE POLICE AND IS AMONG THE TOP BRASS...

IS LIKELY ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIM,

SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HIS BACK-GROUND,

W...

WAKA?

...

...

AH,

HUH?!

GOOD GUESS, KURODA.

NO,

BUT... IT CAN'T BE...

WUH?!

HUH?!

...

BUT... I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE...

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT MYSELF,

"YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME..."

...

EVEN WITH THAT, WILL YOU FOLLOW ME?"

"FROM NOW ON, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK WITH THAT IN MIND.

BOSS...

"I ALREADY CHOSE TO FOLLOW YOU, DIDN'T I?!"

HE'S AN ANGEL OF DEATH.

EVER SINCE HE APPEARED, THE WHOLE TOWN'S BEEN WEIRD...

I HEARD HE'S KNOWN WAKA FOR A LONG TIME...

THAT WAKA MIGHT BE AN ACCOMPLICE OF NAKAMOTO...

IT MUST BE PAINFUL FOR THE BOSS TO DECIDE

THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE SEIDOUKAI AND THE HEILONG?

IF THAT HAPPENS IT WON'T BE JUST US, THE WHOLE TOWN WILL BE IN CHAOS...

SHIT ...

NGH

MAYBE WAKA WAS SEDUCED BY THIS NAKAMOTO GUY...

...
"HANDA."

DOCTOR KOZUKATA'S ASKING WHAT TO DO ABOUT DINNER?
HUH?
AH,
WHATEVER, I'LL JUST WHIP SOME-THING UP.
YOU SURE?
YEAH.

"I KNOW MOST OF THIS TOWN'S KIDS KNOW ABOUT THE SNAKES, BUT..."
"WHY NOT?"
KA-TUNK
"HUH?"
"DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO YUKIO ABOUT REIJI."

"WHAT?!"
"THAT WAS YUKIO'S FATHER."
"A LONG TIME AGO, REIJI'S HALF-BROTHER WAS KILLED ..."
"IT'S NOT ABOUT THE SNAKES."
"DON'T TELL HIM NAKAMOTO IS REIJI SANADA, AND DON'T SHOW HIM ANY PICTURES."
"?"

IS HANDA-SAN HERE?
HE'S HERE

He did sneak into the office,

And I didn't notice.

THAT'S RIGHT

YUKIO'S THE TYPE THAT ISN'T AFRAID TO GET HIS HANDS DIRTY

IF THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM

I DON'T GET HOW MUCH YUKIO KNOWS ABOUT REIJI.

IF HE DOESN'T BEHAVE AND STAY AT DR. KOZUKATA'S PLACE,

THEN I CAN'T REALLY RELAX.

...

"HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO GO?"

HEH HEH,

YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT.

YOU SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING IN IT FOR ME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS.

... LIKE TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR.

I'D JUST ...

THAT'S WHY I SAID I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER GOING ALONG WITH THIS TASTELESS-NESS OF YOURS.

HOWEVER, WHAT YOU KNOW AND HOW YOU FEEL WHEN YOU APPEAR BEFORE ME IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

AFTER THIS, YOU DON'T LAY A SINGLE FINGER ON YUKIO,

OR I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN WITH ME.

AH, HYOUDOU...

COME JUST LIKE THAT.

HEH HEH HEH

HAHA HAHA!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR FACE CONTORTED INTO AN UGLY MESS...

...
SO,
LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY'S STARTING.
To Be Continued

KYUUGOU

HYOUDOU'S SUBORDINATES ARE RANKED:
ODAJIMA > KURODA > HANDA